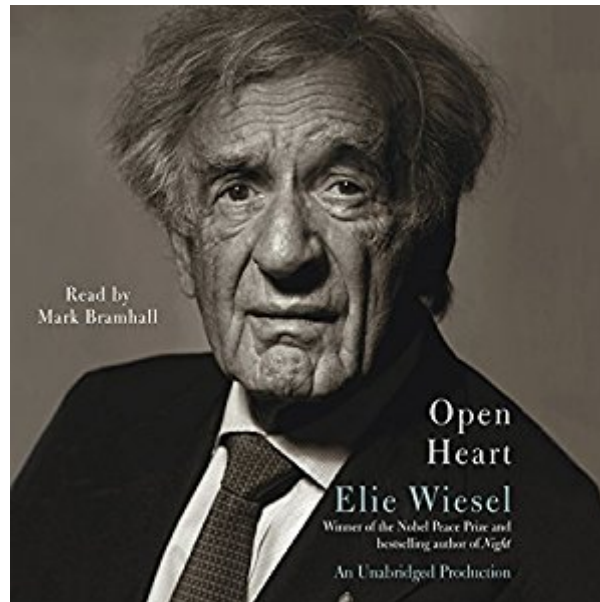




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Synopsis

A profoundly and unexpectedly intimate, deeply affecting summing up of his life so far, from one of the most cherished moral voices of our time. Eighty-two years old, facing emergency heart surgery and his own mortality, Elie Wiesel reflects back on his life. Emotions, images, faces, and questions flash through his mind. His family before and during the unspeakable Event. The gifts of marriage and children and grandchildren that followed. In his writing, in his teaching, in his public life, has he done enough for memory and the survivors? His ongoing questioning of God - where has it led? Is there hope for mankind? The world's tireless ambassador of tolerance and justice has given us this luminous account of hope and despair, an exploration of the love, regrets, and abiding faith of a remarkable man.

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Customer Reviews

In this slight memoir focused on his cardiac event, "Open Heart," Elie Wiesel opens his heart which opens his soul and in turn his mind to his readers and students. With touching transparency and vulnerability, Wiesel reveals himself and the deeper inner dialogue with his life. His carefully chosen words and personal reflections invoke the preacher of Ecclesiastes, the conscience of Job, and the passions of Jeremiah. Wiesel's loyal readers and students savor his existential quests in his first memoir, and his novels and plays but all the more we celebrate the rich, instructive, and edifying teaching in this manner of communicating what matters in life; a communication so accessible, so real, so tender, and so profoundly personal. His writings will continue to invite humanity into ever

more purposeful striving for justice and peace, for unconditional inclusion and the radical containment of hate, but "Open Heart" has a fresh, new cadence, a fresh, new intimacy, and a deeply personal summons to choose life and blessing, gratitude and love. The wake up that came from Wiesel's cardiac event is told in such a way as to awaken us to a conscious embrace and awareness of the lives we live. Thank you and bless you, Elie Wiesel. Doug Huneke

I heard Mr. Wiesel speak in the 1980s, at the time when I was an English teacher and my students were reading *Night*. His words touched me and most certainly helped me process the words he'd written to assist my students as they tried to understand the devastation of the Holocaust. When I heard that Mr. Wiesel had passed, I wanted to read one of his books to pay my respects. I chose *Open Heart* because of its 5 star ratings, and somewhat, because of the description on . I had no idea that it was about open heart surgery...that he'd undergone that experience and shared his experience, fears, thoughts, and emotions about it. Now that I've finished reading, I'm once again brought back to that auditorium in Ohio, mystically transformed once again. If you've never heard him speak, check out some YouTube videos. I found the similarities between my life experiences and his amazingly similar and felt as though I learned a life-changing lesson (or two). I suggest listening to his voice because when you read his words, you'll hear him speaking to you in his soft-spoken and comforting voice as I did. Words are special when put together in order to make us think. I learned today that the words meant even more when spoken by the author, even though they were only heard by me. Listen to Mr. Wiesel's voice: read *Open Heart*: find your own inspiration. It is well-worth the time.

Eli's Wiesel is/was and always will be a voice of heart and soul. Such a man of integrity. I only wish his heart's desire could come true and that is to never have such atrocities to happen again. However it keeps happening. When people think that their beliefs are the only true ones. Our beliefs should be more about what raises people up, as a whole. God always wants what is GOOD not power and destruction, no matter who you believe God to be.

I love this book and I really enjoy all of his work! He's so great at expressing his thoughts and feelings.

It is a small book and I don't read for long periods of time. It kept my interest and Elie Wiesel is an incredible man. He is a Holocaust survivor and people need to hear his stories.

Elie speaks like one of us: the questions, the searching, the incomprehension of man's never ending capacity for cruelty. His faith and his fears live equally at home within him. Yet most of us have never seen the horror he described in Night. In this book, he gives us a glimpse of the day to day reality of his life. His commitment to speak out against suffering is as passionate as his joy that he receives from his grand children.

Get this book to see the man who is to be remembered for a lifetime

Great book.

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